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INDY SNOW FORCE: MORE THAN JUST SNOW REMOVAL *DRIVERS MEET WITH SOME OF THE CITY'S YOUNGER CITIZENS*

Indy Snow Force, the city's newly muscled snow removal program, has been a force to reckon with this winter season. The action has been non-stop as the Snow Force has worked to remove more than 16.5 inches of snow from city streets in the month of February alone. However, removing snow from city streets isn't the only way the men and women of Snow Force are making a difference in Indy. Dedicated to providing the best service possible to Indianapolis residents, Indy Snow Force took time this month to meet with 5th grade students from Forest Glen School of Spanish Immersion and their parents in an educational field trip that students called "fun and interesting."

Indy Snow Force drivers met Forest Glen teacher, Michelle Gallaway along with 24 students and parents at the Martin Luther King (MLK) salt barn to discuss several snow related topics. The kids learned why certain streets are plowed first, when residential streets are addressed, how and why salt is applied, the effect of Indy's climate on the formation of potholes and the positive steps the city is making to combat potholes. Snow Force drivers also offered information about the upgrade of the snow truck fleet to better, more efficient snow trucks, and the 100% upgrade of the city's residential snow removal staff to include 203 contractors and over 350 additional pieces of equipment.

Brimming with questions, students and their parents were genuinely excited and interested as they learned of all the things Indy Snow Force workers do to help keep streets and roads safe.

Once the exciting table discussion was complete, students had an opportunity to climb up into the cab of one of the new International Model snow trucks and to visit the barn where the salt is stored.

"One thing that I didn't know was that you don't just salt the roads, you plow snow, fix potholes, and sometimes even pave roads," said young Hayden Hubbard. "You guys are amazing, and I really appreciate everything you do for our city."



